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FUEL SPILL ON SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – Approximately 200 to 400 gallons of JP-8 aircraft fuel spilled at 1:50 p.m. today due to a gasket seal failure on a pressurized fuel hydrant here. The spill occurred on the Scott Air Force Base flightline and was contained approximately 1,000 feet from the initial spill location.

The spill is confined to government property and poses no immediate threat to human health, wildlife, or fish. Damage is expected to be minimal.

JP-8 is a hazardous, low-vapor liquid used to fuel aircraft.

The base command post, local emergency services, law enforcement and environmental protection agencies have been notified.

A team of Air Force experts was immediately dispatched to the scene to control and abate the spilled material.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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